

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL ON MAY 6:** Plan to join us for food & fellowship on next Sunday, May 6, immediately following second hour. The menu is salads and desserts. Bring a large dish of your favorite salad. MYF will provide desserts as a fundraiser for their summer service project in Denver, CO, through the DOOR program.

**IT IS TIME** to renew AMC's group subscription to The Mennonite. Please fill out the form in your mailbox if you would like to join the group subscription, renew your current subscription, or cancel your subscription. Completed forms and payment are due in the church office May 13.

**PLEASE CHECK** the Lost & Found table for any items you may have mislaid in the past few months. Remaining are a Living Bible, several travel mugs, various items of clothing, and sundries. This Sunday (April 29) is the last day the items will be available for you to view. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Ephrata ReUzit Store.

**WORSHIP COUNCIL:** Last Sunday, J.W. Sprunger gave AMC an invitation to prayerfully consider joining a recently formed experimental worship council. When Pastor Rachel initially asked several people to join, this is what she wrote, "I am hoping to gather a small group of people to serve with me as a worship council on behalf of the congregation. Our current church structure does not include a place to think about larger worship questions such as: How often do we serve communion? Are children included in communion? What is our worship style? Are we a multi-voice congregation? I would also like input into the preaching diet of our congregation. This is an experiment so I don't know if this would be an ongoing group, or if it would transition into something different in the future. So right now I envision a monthly meeting for about 4 months. I am asking you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to share your gifts with the congregation." Please contact Rachel Nolt ([rnolt@akronmench.org](mailto:rnolt@akronmench.org) or 717-859-1488), J.W. Sprunger ([jwsprunger@gmail.com](mailto:jwsprunger@gmail.com) or 724-309-2731 ), or Charity Shenk ([charity.shenk@gmail.com](mailto:charity.shenk@gmail.com) or 717-201-8748) by May 13 if you are interested in learning more.

**DSECC** is looking for community service opportunities for their group of 20 summer campers. They can travel off-site within the local area, and are available on Mondays throughout the summer. Please send your ideas to Rebecca in the church office.

**AMC'S COINS COUNTED!** AMC collected \$783.23 in coins for MCC's work in food sustainability.

GIVING & BUDGET		
Giving for General Fund	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 5,256	\$ 127,423
2018 Budget Goals	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
	\$ 9,800	\$ 156,900
2018 Income Budget:	\$ 510,000	
Attendance Last Sunday:	156	

Church office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm  
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**AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH**

**April 29, 2018**

**Resurrection Spaces**

**GATHERING/PRAISING**

Prelude music Lawrence Rupley

Welcome  
 Introduction of guests & Announcements

Musical Meditation Lawrence Rupley  
 Lighting of the peace lamp  
 Call to worship

HWB 274 (blue) *O sons and daughters, let us sing!*  
 HWB 283 (blue) *Christ who left his home in glory*

Offering and offertory Lawrence Rupley  
 Offertory prayer

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

STJ 17 (green) *Halle, halle, hallelujah!*  
 Children's time Sandra Richard Wood  
 Children ages 2-4 are dismissed for preschool church in Room 16 with Susan Martin, Jim Shenk, and Anna Nancarvis

Vocal solo *He comes to us as one unknown* Merle Gingerich

Scripture Acts 17:16-31  
 Sermon *Found in Translation* Steve Nolt  
Rachel Nolt

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

STJ 105 *Don't be afraid*  
 Prayers of the people Renny Magill

Insert *Goodness is stronger than evil*  
 Benediction  
 Sending song *In Christ we live*  
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Musicians Patricia Martin  
 Song Leader Ron Guenther  
 Worship Leader Renny Magill

**Scripture next week:** Philippians 1:1-18a; Nathan Grieser, preacher

**PLEASE JOIN US (10:15 – 10:40)**

Everyone is welcome to participate in coffee/tea fellowship following the worship service. Guests, please sign the guest book in the foyer next to the Welcome Desk.

**SECOND HOUR FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (10:40 – 11:40)**

Adults

*Conversations About Church* is a class on the subject of church and why we do it (or don't do it). We will examine questions like "How hospitable are we?"; "Why choose this as my community?"; "Do we have good news for young adults and families?"; "What about all the people who don't do church?"; "Would we miss church if it wasn't there?"; and "Is this a good way to spend our money?" Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Cluster. Facilitated by Nancy Chapman and Rachel Nolt. Class meets in the Assembly Room.

A new second hour class begins today, "SEVEN STORIES: How to Study and Teach the Nonviolent Bible," a book by Anthony and Linda Bartlett, just published. Brian McLaren says of the book "I am so grateful for Tony Bartlett. He knows what too few people know: we live by stories, and the stories that inhabit us and that we inhabit will shape our future. This book provides a comprehensive overview of seven main storylines of the Bible, and helps us turn the Bible from a weapon (as it is too often used) into a pathway to justice, reconciliation, compassion, and peace." Taught by John Stoner and all who join the class, in the sanctuary.

These two classes may be offered again at a future time.

**Koinonia** class: This class will finish the last chapter in Richard Rohr's Immortal Diamond and discuss our next plans. Meets in Rm. 222. Facilitated by Lin & Don Good.

Children and Youth

Taught by members of the church who graciously volunteer their time. See below for locations.

Nursery age	-----	Nursery
Ages 2 -4	-----	Rooms 16/18
Kindergarten-5th Grade	-----	Rooms 131, 132, 133 (lower level)
Jr. MYF (6-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth)	-----	MYF Room (temporarily)
MYF (High School Youth)	-----	MYF Room

**AMONG THOSE SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** Ray & Agnes Hacker, Marilyn Langeman  
**Nursery Worship:** as needed  
**Coffee Servers:** Daryl Mack  
**Ushers:** Don Good (Head usher), David Frey, Linda Frey

**Sound/AV Operator:** Tim Nancarvis  
**Nursery DH:** as needed  
**Mug Washers:** Nelson & Grace Weber

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 1	Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am @ Oregon Dairy
May 2	Library Committee meets @ 6:00 pm
May 3	AMC Men's Breakfast @ Udder Choice @ 7 am; Nick Buckwalter, presenter
May 5	AMC hosts Safe Church training; 8:15 am – 12:30 pm
May 6	Fellowship Meal following 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour classes; MYF dessert fundraiser
May 6	Share-A-Life hike in Lititz Linear Park following Fellowship Meal
May 9	Landis Homes residents' gathering 10 – 11:30 am; Kirkview Lounge
May 9	Connect! meal, flag football game, & ice cream social 6:00 – 7:30 pm
May 10	Garden Spot Village residents' gathering 11:30 – 2:00; Concord Room
May 10	AMC Council meets at 7:00 pm
May 15	AMC women's brown bag luncheon 11 am – 1 pm
May 16	Landis Homes residents' gathering 10-11:30 am; Hybrid #1 Comm. Room
May 20	Adult choir and tone chimes rehearsal @ 8:00 am; share in 9:00 am service
May 28	F.L.I.P. end of year celebration at Refreshing Mtn. Camp 9 am – 12 pm

*Lectio Divina* meets each Tuesday at 7:30 am, and the Congregational Prayer Group meets each Thursday at 12:30 pm. Both meetings are in Rachel's office.

**Save these Dates:**

June 24-28	VBS with Akron Church of the Brethren
October 26-27	ACC Fall Assembly @ AMC; details to be announced

Mennonite Youth Fellowship (MYF - Grades 9-12):

- June 10 Senior Recognition Sunday
- June 17-23 DOOR service project in Denver, CO

**PRAYERS**

Lowell Detweiler is recuperating at home after back surgery last week. Ruth and Lowell are grateful for prayers and cards and they welcome visitors—please call first.

Lester Graybill was scheduled to have a heart procedure on Friday, April 27. He remains at Lancaster General Hospital. He appreciates your prayers, cards and visits.

Hans Peter Neufeld continues to recuperate following surgery. He is now at Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital, 675 Good Dr, Lancaster. He is grateful for prayers and appreciates notes and visits. Please call before you visit (717-406-3000).

From Mennonite World Conference: The most vulnerable populations of Guatemala City have been affected by critically low levels of drinking water, putting them at greater risk of disease and social unrest. Pray for the Mennonite Church in Guatemala, who ministers among vulnerable people in remote rural areas and underserved urban areas.